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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1892.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1892.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1892.

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, for China Ponies; weight for inches; subscription griffins of this season, 1891-92, allowed 7lb; entrance \$5, with \$100 added. Half-a-mile.

Mr. Darius' gr. Rattler, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 2

Mr. John Peel's gr. Fugitive, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 2

Mr. G. H. Potts' gr. Susewind, 11st. 14lb. Mr. Maclean 3

Mr. Taylor's bl. Cuckoo, 11st. 14lb. Mr. Taylor 3

Mr. John Peel's gr. Candid, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Orlebar 3

Mr. Derick's gr. Gaiety, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Green 3

After one false start Fugitive cut out the running from Susewind and Rattler, with Gaiety next and Candid last. The leader drew clear coming down the hill, but was caught at the entrance to the straight by Rattler, this pair facing for home neck and neck, three lengths in front of Susewind, who had lost his place making the descent. Half-way down Rattler assumed the lead, and drawing away, won by rather over a length from Fugitive, the latter beating the old dun, who came with a rare rush at last, a neck for second place. The others nowhere. Time 60 1/2 seconds.

THE ASHLEY CUP, presented by Mr. D. R. Sassoon, for China ponies; entrance \$5, 10 to go to the winner; weight for inches. One mile.

Mr. Sassoon's sk. Hero, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Sassoon 1

Mr. John Peel's gr. Merry Thought, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 3

Mr. Hough 3

No trouble was experienced at the start, Merry Thought, on the rails, making the running for the first furling, when Hero was sent to the front, and although pressed by the speedy grey coming down the hill, he kept there to the finish, winning in a common canter by six lengths. Time 2 min. 9 secs.

THE HONGKONG DERBY, sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries, with \$500 added for 1st pony, and \$150 for 2nd; for China ponies bona fide griffins at date of entry (Saturday, 16th January, 1892); First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent.; weight for inches. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Sassoon's ch. Lightning, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 1

Mr. Buxey's gr. Bold Heart, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Reynolds 2

Mr. Heinrich's gr. Enthusiast, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Master 3

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Thunderbolt, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 3

Mr. John Peel's gr. Flatcatcher, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 3

To an excellent start, Lightning made play, with Thunderbolt in close attendance, but the latter was immediately pulled back, and after settling down into their places the order was Lightning, Flatcatcher, Bold Heart, Enthusiast and Thunderbolt. At the mile post Mr. Maclean had a look round at his field, and keeping up high pressure led past the Stand two lengths in front of Flatcatcher, the latter just heading Enthusiast, whilst Thunderbolt had fallen half-a-dozen lengths to the rear. Flatcatcher made a strong effort to get in front rounding the bend, Enthusiast almost at the same moment coming with a rush on the extreme outside, and opposite the Bridge there was very little daylight between the leading trio, although the chestnut still led the van. At the three-quarter mile post Bold Heart was challenged by Thunderbolt, who had very rapidly made up his lead, and as Mr. Reynolds had to ride hard to keep his place, loud shouts were raised that the favorite was beaten—and so it seemed. At the Black Rock, Lightning was well in front of Enthusiast and Flatcatcher, and before the village was reached the hope of Ewe had shot his bolt and was down out of the race. Enthusiast hunted Lightning all the way down the straight, and Bold Heart came again magnificently in the last quarter, but Mr. Sassoon's chestnut maintained his supremacy to the finish and eventually won very easily by a length from the favorite, Enthusiast being a capital third. Time 3 min, 13 1/2 secs.

THE FOOCHOW CUP, presented by the Foochow Community, for China ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$5. Two miles.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 1

Mr. Buxey's gr. Reciprocal, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 1

Mr. Buxey's gr. Viper, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Reynolds 2

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Baccarat, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Maclean 3

After going a hundred yards Baccarat took the lead, and made play from Mr. Buxey's pair for the first mile, Vagrant lying off several

lengths. Coming down the straight for the second time round, the field took close order, and at the six furling post Mr. Hough brought up the favorite and after a brief struggle derived Baccarat of premier position, facing the hill with a three lengths lead. At the Black Rock the Ewe stayer was four lengths in advance of Reciprocal, and maintaining this advantage to the end, he repeated his last year's victory with consummate ease. Viper, hard ridden by Mr. Reynolds, got rid of Baccarat after a tremendous tussle, and coming very strongly at last, just missed beating his stable companion for second place. Time 4 min. 29 1/2 secs.

THE VALLEY STAKES, Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added for winner, and \$50 for 2nd pony, for subscription griffins of this season, 1891-92, only; weight for inches. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. Burside's cr. Paimesan, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Master 1

Mr. John Peel's gr. Solace, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 2

Mr. Lee's gr. Hostage, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Orlebar 3

Mr. Darius' gr. Porpoise, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynolds 3

Mr. G. H. Potts' gr. Rialto, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 3

Mr. Jones' gr. Twilly-lwyng, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 3

Mr. Barker's bl. Camberley, 11st. 11lb. Mr. D. Barker 3

Mr. Taylor's gr. Partizan, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Taylor 3

Mr. Twain's gr. Cachet d'Or, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. Wayfoong's ch. Chasenta, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. Wayfoong's gr. Hardant, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 3

Mr. Wayfoong's gr. Walnut, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gedge 3

After one breakaway, a fairly good start was effected, Paimesan and Chasenta showing the way for the first hundred yards, the rest following in a compact body, excepting Rialto, who was last to leave the mark. After settling down into their places Rialto was driven through his ponies and quickly assumed the lead, racing the Wong-nei-chong stayer post for Paimesan, his quarters, the colours of Chasenta and Cachet d'Or being also prominent. Nearing the village Paimesan drew level with the little brown, and a few strides farther on Hostage came with a rush and entered the straight a good length in advance. Solace quickly followed suit, leaving Paimesan and Solace to fight out the last quarter, but Mr. Hough rode desperately, he failed to make up his lost ground, and was decisively defeated by rather over a length, with Hostage a capital third, Rialto fourth, and the rest of the field widely scattered. Time 1 min. 54 1/2 secs.

THE LUSTANIO CUP, presented by the members of the Club Lustanio, for China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 1891-92, allowed 7lb; entrance \$10; Second pony to receive half the entrance money. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Merry Thought, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 1

Mr. Buxey's gr. Bold Heart, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 1

Mr. Heinrich's gr. Enthusiast, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Master 2

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Thunderbolt, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 2

Mr. Esu' gr. Bumptious, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 3

Mr. Twain's bl. Waterloo, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. John Peel's dun Fugitive, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 3

The pair kept close together for half the journey, after which Merry Thought drew slightly ahead and a severe race ensued to the Black Rock, at which point the griffin seemed "dead beat." The bearer of the "blue and silver" came down the hill three lengths to the good, but he tired rapidly in the straight and Bold Heart, vigorously ridden out, answered most gamely to Mr. Reynolds' repeated calls and only lost the verdict by a neck. Time 2 min. 41 secs.

THE CANTON CUP, for China ponies, bona fide griffins at date of entry (16th January, 1892); weight for inches; winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Heinrich's gr. Enthusiast, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Master 1

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Thunderbolt, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 2

Mr. Esu' gr. Bumptious, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 3

Mr. Twain's bl. Waterloo, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. John Peel's dun Fugitive, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 3

Enthusiast jumped away as soon as the flag fell and quickly established a four lengths' lead from Thunderbolt and Bumptious, Waterloo bringing up the rear. These positions were maintained until about three furlongs from home, when the leader commenced to come back to his field, and opposite the village Thunderbolt was nearly on terms. Mr. Sassoon's grey challenged on entering the straight and a grand race resulted, Enthusiast just managing to hold his own and win by a short half-length; Bumptious was a fair third, Time 2 min. 7 secs.

THE HONGKONG CLUB CUP, presented, for China ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$15; 50 ad Ponies to receive 50 per cent.; Third Pony, 25 per cent. of entrance money. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Reynolds 1

Mr. John Peel's gr. Tallman, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 2

Tallman, next the rails, cut out the work for the first mile and at the top of the hill appeared to have taken the measure of his opponent; but making the descent Home Guard raced past him and holding the issue safe, came clear away and won easily by four lengths in 3 min. 16 secs.

THE COMPROMISE CUP, for all subscription griffins of this season, 1891-92, only; weight for inches; winner of Valley Stakes, 5lb. extra; entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive half the entrance money. One mile.

Mr. Darius' gr. Porpoise, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynolds 1

Mr. John Peel's gr. Solace, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 2

Mr. G. H. Potts' gr. Rialto, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 3

Mr. Lee's gr. Hostage, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Orlebar 3

Mr. Jones' gr. Twilly-lwyng, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Coutts 3

Mr. Barker's bl. Camberley, 11st. 11lb. Mr. D. Barker 3

Mr. Wayfoong's ch. Chasenta, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. Doblin's gr. The Rejected, 10st. 12lb. Mr. May 3

Mr. Buxey's gr. Silver Spur, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 3

Mr. Calthorpe's gr. The Hair Trunk, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Calthorpe 3

Mr. Derick's gr. Resolute, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Master 3

Mr. Octavio's gr. Allendale, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Green 3

After several false starts, caused by the rider of Allendale, who always had his pony facing the wrong way when the flag fell, the lot were most evenly despatched, Rialto and Silver Spur showing in front, next the rails, the others following in a compact body, excepting The Hair Trunk, that noble steed being lashed off from the fall of the flag. Porpoise took the lead at Bowrington Bridge, and was attended up the hill by Solace, about four lengths dividing this pair from Rialto and Hostage. At the village the leaders were stubbornly fighting out the issue, neck and neck, and were being challenged first

by Hostage and then by Rialto. Porpoise struggled home nearly a length in front of Solace, the latter having Rialto a head for second place, with Hostage a very good fourth. Time 2 min. 11 secs.

TO-MORROW'S RACES.

After to-day's funeral exhibition I have little inclination to enter into details as to the probable results of to-morrow's racing, but having given my views for many more years than I care to remember, and knowing that a very large number of readers of this journal expect my predictions, I simply append the following "tips" without comment.

Scoury Stakes Lightning.

Boss Heart and Flatcatcher ought to make a good race for second honours.

Exchange Plate Hero.

German Cup Porpoise, who will have most to fear from Solace and Hostage.

Professional Cup Tallman.

Parise Cup Thunderbolt.

Jockey Cup Rialto.

Flyaway Stakes Merry Thought or Susewind.

Brokers' Cup Reciprocal.

Welter Stakes Baccarat or Viper.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

LONDON, February 5th.

In Great Britain the influenza is decreasing and also in many parts of the Continent.

THE PEARL ROBBERY CASE.

Mrs. Osborne, who disappeared on the collapse of the action for slander in the pearl robbery case, has been arrested at Dover; it appears that this lady surrendered in order to avoid wrecking her husband's career.

THE ANARCHISTS IN SPAIN.

February 6th.

Four of the Anarchists arrested at Xeres have been sentenced to death.

THE PEARL ROBBERY CASE

Inquiry is then made and it is found that the "boy" who is doing his six months hard labour in the overcrowded Arbutnot Road dungeons, has a written reference when taken on, and a good one too. "How, then," it is asked, "could a thief get a good character?" The answer is simple: When the crime one was dismissed from his last situation without a character he went along to a friend, and after living on him or rather on his employer for some weeks in the servants' quarters of some fashionable top-side residence, borrowed one of his references, applied for "pardon," and got it. He was not the Ah Hai mentioned in the document, and the lady of the house had no means of knowing that the well-dressed applicant was an impostor—a veritable wolf in sheep's clothing. And so the "boy" is sent here and all over the Far East and nothing of the thoroughly practical nature has been done to weed out the black sheep who are carrying on a swinging business in the private houses and commercial establishments and vessels of the hotel-furnishers. From time to time, however, attempts have been made to establish a registry office for servants in this colony, but after a while, the idea has been dropped, much to the annoyance of the employers and much to the amusement of the "boys," cooks, chair-coles, &c. *et hoc genus omne*.

Knowing from past experience that we in common with others are "querered" wholesale by our servants, it was with feelings of joy and hope of reform that, the other day, we read the following advertisement:—

SEVANTS' REGISTRY.
An office for this purpose has been opened on the Upper Floor of the Ice-House, Prince Street (near the U. S. Consulate). All Clauses will be in attendance daily (Sundays excepted) to fill in all communications to be addressed "Sevants' Registry," Ice-House Lane.

When we thought the office was in fair working order a reporter was told off to investigate, in the hope of gathering tidings for the public. But alas! we were once more doomed to disappointment, for it was found that the one thing which would quash the pernicious custom of loaning references—a photo of the man mentioned in the character, posted on the reverse side—is not a hard-and-fast rule at the new establishment. Furthermore, the general public have not been invited to send servants who though deserving are without characters—and most of them are so—to the office. In order that their status as respectable members of society may be certified by the manager of our new enterprise. The office is, therefore, practically useless. If the office in charge were in touch with the police, if, too, every servant engaged from the office had a photo attached to his credentials, and if the manager would, for a moderate sum, say a couple of dollars, inquire into the antecedents of any servant sent to him, then the Registry Office would be of real use and might be very generally patronised, and result in a number of well-lighted-gentry taking flight to fresh fields and pastures new. Although Europe is now pouring forth more and more the prospect of their labour market being flooded with the off-scouring of Hongkong native society, yet they could hardly blame us for looking after our own interests to the best of our ability. It has never yet been done in a practical manner, but that is no reason why we should not reform in these latter degenerate days, for there is hope while there is life, and Hongkong, although fairly well-served, still has a kick in it and may yet reassert in a most astounding manner. Let us hope so.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE GREAT ELECTION.
SAN FRANCISCO, January 16th.
This will be a busy year in American politics. A President and Vice President are to be elected, and the 350 members of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress are also to be chosen. Not far from a third of the eighty-eight Senators of that Congress, too, are to be elected by Legislature, and are to be chosen this year. A few of the Senators whose terms begin next year have been elected by Legislatures selected in 1891, but the majority of them are yet to be chosen, and are to depend for their election on Legislatures to be provided for this year. Moreover, most of the State will elect Governors and other State officers in the year which has just begun. The popular vote of the country for President in 1890 was 2,204,478. It was 1,003,806 in 1884 and 1,139,181 in 1888, and nearly, if not quite 12,500,000 men will go to the polls in the presidential contest which will be decided on November 8 next.

It is reported that Cleveland is about to write a letter saying that he cannot accept the nomination for President, unless it shall be tendered to him by a unanimous vote.

THE RHINOSEA QUESTION.
The Rhine Sea controversy has been placed in course of early and amicable adjustment, and the result will not fail to be a vindication of Secretary Blaine's diplomatic skill and sagacity.

The United States is the only nation of the world which is liquidating its national debt, and the only one which has more money in the treasury than the government needs for current expenses. Since 1874 the public debts of Europe have increased by the enormous sum of \$1,000,000,000, while the public debts of the United States since the close of the Franco-German war have increased by about \$3,000,000,000, while Russia has added to her indebtedness during the same period an equal sum and now is borrowing more.

It is a significant fact that a great many of the immigrants from Europe who are now arriving say that they have been induced to emigrate through the fear that there will be a war in Europe next year. Whether these immigrants really know anything about the prospect of war may be questioned, but it would seem clear that where there is a general fear among the people that war is imminent, there must be some foundation for it. The leading nations of continental Europe are under such a heavy strain to preserve their military establishments that it would not be surprising if they were to seek relief in war. If so they would be prompted by the hope that a war would so far settle international European questions that there would no longer be any necessity for the maintenance of large standing armies for the preservation of peace.

The renomination of Senator Sherman, in Ohio, which is equivalent to a re-election, must be regarded as one of the most notable of recent political victories. It looked for a time as if it would surely be defeated, and his success goes to show that he is a man of superior strength. He is not and never has been a popular man in the general meaning of the word. His temperament is not adapted to the work of making and holding friends on personal grounds. The charge that he is cold cannot be denied. That is, he is impulsive, and does not understand the art of flattery and familiarity which is so profitable to many public men. It is doubtful if he ever went a step out of his way to make himself agreeable to anybody for political purposes. The

claims of private friendship have never influenced him in any of his official actions. He has appreciated the services of his supporters, of "friends," and has reciprocated them in a dignified and self-respecting manner; but he has never played the demagogue in the least to promote his plans and ambitions. His antagonists have always had the advantage of him in that respect, and yet he has always finally beaten them.

Up to the end of the year just past the payments made to General Grant and his widow by the publishers of his memoirs aggregated \$474,859.25, with \$500,000 more to be paid soon after January 1st. In comparison with such figures all other rewards of literary work seem very small, and the prospect is that within ten years of the day of publication this book will have yielded a revenue of not less than \$500,000 to its author and his heirs. Professional men of letters are simply not in the race with the greatest military leader of his country in the matter of money-making from the products of the pen.

The recent outbreak on the Kansas border is merely the continuation of a feud that started several years ago. In the beginning the difficulty pertained to the location of a county-seat, that most prolific source of strife and trouble in a new country; but it soon assumed the form of a vendetta in which private enmity took the place of public zeal, and the laws were virtually subordinated to the conditions of mob rule. Murders have been committed from time to time on both sides, and each new crime has served to further inflame the people. When efforts have been made to punish any of the guilty parties in a legal and proper way, failure has invariably ensued. The courts have proved to be powerless for the enforcement of justice, and there has been practically no protection for life and no means of preventing violence and preventing bloodshed. There are not many people living in the locality, but they are sufficiently numerous to keep up a constant turmoil and to disgrace the State with a series of loose and violent performances.

A grand project is to be brought before Congress presently by Representative Chipman, of Michigan, and will by him be urged upon the committee on Foreign Affairs, of which he is a member. It involves the construction of a canal around Niagara Falls on the American side and the building of a ship canal across the State of New York from that point to the Hudson River, so that vessels from the lakes can pass through to the ocean. The canal would be about 150 feet wide and would have to be 20 feet deep in order to accommodate the large vessels of the lakes. The cost of such a canal would be any where from \$50,000,000 to three times as much.

While the authorities at Washington have been wrestling with the possibility of war with Chili there is gathering very much nearer a war cloud which may prove even more serious than the Chilean crisis. The Texas rebellion, which has thrown the section on both sides of the Mexican border into such a fever of excitement during the past few weeks, is fast assuming grave proportions. The United States troops which were sent to protect our territory from being made the base of hostile operations against a friendly country, have met with resistance from Garza's band and one soldier has been killed. Although both meagre intelligence has been received from the seat of trouble for some days, enough is known to make it certain that the small force of regular troops in the disturbed section is in active pursuit of the outlaws, but as Garza's followers greatly outnumber the soldiers and are believed to be in a very desperate mood, it is just possible that the troops are in a much more perilous position than are the revolutionists. Far removed from possible reinforcements, it is very probable that in attempting to capture Garza or disperse his band the regulars themselves may be defeated.

All addresses agree in reporting that the followers of the reckless rebel are rapidly increasing in numbers, and that he is abundantly provided with money and supplies. From this it is argued that the rebellion has the active support and countenance of a large class in Mexico, and at the proper moment the real aims of the movement will be revealed. It is believed that Garza is but an agent used to conceal the identity of the real promoters of the rebellion. There is no doubt that some dissatisfaction exists in Mexico, and the people's sympathy with the movement on the northern border is but poorly concealed in many quarters. In addition to the powerful personal enemies General Diaz has made in establishing order, it is a well known fact that the Clericals are bitter opponents of his administration. The recent violent measures taken against the clergy in several States have tended to increase the antagonism of the Conservatives, and it is not improbable that the money supplies of Garza come from that source.

In spite of the great and phenomenal prosperity of the country during the year just closed, it is an interesting fact that the number of miles of railroad built was smaller than during any year since 1885. Only 4,095 miles of new railroads were constructed. This is a decrease of 1,574 miles from the preceding year. The largest mileage in any State was 253 in Pennsylvania. Then follow next in their order Georgia, Washington and South Carolina, with 244, 219, and 210 miles respectively. The State of Kansas, which produced no phenomenal increase in everything else, was perfectly content with only two miles of new railroad, while in a number of States not a single rail was laid. This is quite as important an indicator of the prosperity of the country as are great crops and busy workshops. It is a sign that the attempt to build railroads before there is a demand for them has been abandoned. The activity in this branch of business was so remarkable for many years that it was almost everywhere not only met but anticipated. Consequently a large portion of even this small construction has been short lines, merely branches from the large and important roads. This process will probably be continued for some years, as there seems to be very little demand for new trunk lines.

MEDICAL GOSSIP.

The doctors have for the moment the place of honor by reason of their discoveries and their disinterested labors in the cause of humanity. It is true that healing is their business, and we have as much right to expect from them new means of ameliorating human suffering as we expect from a civil engineer, a watchmaker, an electrician or other specialist improvements or inventions more or less related to his profession. In the case of Koch and other physicians who have discovered or endeavored to discover the bacilli that are the causes of various diseases, their labors are due to the initiative of Pasteur, who is not a physician, and for that reason finds it hard to be forgiven by many of the more exacting members of the medical fraternity. To go a little further back, the germ of all these discoveries is found in the system of vaccination for small-pox promulgated by Jenner, who builded better than he knew. Jenner conceived the plan of finding in a poison its own antidote, without being aware that his method was to be the key to the cure of a wide range of the most dangerous maladies. It is only strange that nearly a century elapsed before his system had all the consequences logically to be expected from it. It is not generally known that Marat, the revolutionary revolutionary, dispatched some 100

soon by Charlotte Corday, was a physician, and that he had a certain success in treating consumption. It is recorded of him that he cured a titled lady of this disease in its advanced stages and that her gratefulness to him knew no bounds. Unfortunately he was enticed into politics and prevented from pursuing his studies further in a direction that might have made his memory revered instead of detested. For some reason doctors seem to drift naturally towards radicalism, perhaps because their profession tends to render them sceptical. In Brazil and the Argentine Republic they have shown themselves decidedly ambitious. The celebrated Dr. Charcot is a radical whose principles verge on the revolutionary. Clemenceau rose up his medical practice years ago to devote himself to politics, and though he is a man of great talent and a brilliant orator, his political efforts have not contributed to his personal advancement or been of great benefit to his country. Besides Clemenceau there are from forty to fifty physicians in the French Chamber of Deputies. Dr. C. P. P. participate more or less in public affairs in all countries, but none to the same extent. In South America men of education are comparatively rare, and after the lawyers, the medical men naturally fall into public life, often to their great profit financially. It is probably on account of their intimate knowledge of the human frame, which leads them sometimes to think that they have discovered the secret of life or the living principle, that physicians are so often free-thinkers, and from extreme liberalism in religion to extreme radicalism in politics, but a step.

Doctors were supposed in ancient times to be caused by the disfigurement of the gods, a belief that has not yet disappeared from the mind of savage tribes. Evil spirits also played their part, the two beliefs being connected more or less intimately. Hence the intervention of priests and of kings, to whom attached a sacred character, and the idea that the latter could cure by a touch, which prevailed until a recent date. The fall in the healing principle presumed to emanate from the royal person was a very part and parcel of the decline of the divine right of kings, that is, their right to rule regardless of the wishes of their subjects. From all these causes came that mixture of superstition, metaphysics and medicine that characterized the practice of the healing art in the middle ages, when doctors wore gowns and a special form of head-covering and talked indiscriminately of law, religion, astrology and medicine. Astrologers made health and longevity to depend on the constellations, witches and sorcerers on occult causes, and both dealt in a certain extent in remedies that depended rather on tradition than on science. From all these germs, with something of the dugginess and the barber—who were in those old times more or less connected with medicine—brought in, came the full-fledged physician of to-day.

It is scarcely two hundred years since the physician can be said to have been formed on modern models. Before that epoch doctors worked in the dark, understanding the causes of disease and the human system imperfectly. The Greek physicians Galen and Hippocrates depended largely on nature and on a series of remedies that they had formulated probably from tradition and the popular practice of previous ages, to which they may have added something. The Roman system of medicine was full of superstition. As to that of the middle ages, it was a honeycombed with astrology and sorcery. It was not till the middle of the seventeenth century that Harvey discovered the circulation of the blood, and not until after the beginning of the last century introduced his method of vaccination, a preventive of the smallpox. A little later Laennec invented the stethoscope, which owes its origin to a singular incident. Having as a patient a lady suffering from a pulmonary trouble, and not wishing to apply his ear to the chest in the usual manner, he hastily made a tube of paper which surprised him by its efficiency. Hence the instrument in the form in which it is used to-day. A person need not be profoundly versed in anatomy and physiology to understand what vast improvements in medicine and surgery were suggested to practical science by the discovery of Harvey and Jenner.

Every sensible physician relies to a great extent on the recuperative powers of the patient. He leaves as much as possible to nature, knowing perfectly well that a portion of her beneficial work will be accredited to his medical skill. There have been in the profession some physicians who have been inclined to exaggerate the automatic branch of the healing art, among them the German Stahl, who called his system "animalism," and the Scotch doctor Brown, both eminent practitioners of the last century. Dr. Brown called his method "stimulation," and its leading principle seems to have been to nourish the vital principle by means of liquors containing a greater or smaller percentage of alcohol, or by the use of less active stimulants, such as aromatic substances. The practical use of stimulants as a preventive is as old as Hippocrates, while the stimulus of perfumes is universally regarded as beneficial by modern hygienists.

As to the discovery that bacteria and bacilli, which always exist in greater or less numbers in earth, air and water, are the cause of the greater part of the diseases that afflict humanity, we wonder, as we do in regard to most discoveries and inventions, why nobody ever thought of it before, who has been known from an indefinite period that the body is full of parasites and that there are living germs in the elements. It has been long known that there are no insects so minute but that a host of insects more minute lived on them and in their tissues. Even non-professional observers, hundreds or thousands of years ago, discovered the intimate connection between the miasma emanating from marshes or stagnant water and typhus, typhoid or paludal fever, the name having varied according to the climate. The miasma has gone on age after age making their homes in and by swamps and stagnant ponds, which the physicians took no trouble to drain, the physicians not seeming to know the truth or not troubling themselves to make it public. The world had to wait for a generation of Spencers, Huxleys, Tyndals, Pasteurs and Kochs before these germs of knowledge could develop into practical fact. Humanity is to be congratulated that the truth has come at last. If we cannot always cure we can at least diagnose diseases around with preventives. When there is an epidemic of typhoid fever in a French garcon it is almost immediately traced to an old well or some pond of stagnant water of which the soldiers had drunk, often contrary to orders. This is only one example. It is a beginning. It is mankind to arrive at an epoch when the human frame, properly defended against the insidious bacilli, will wear not only a safe and even in every part and finally crumble into a mass of shapeless dust like the decaying one-horned man described by Holmes?—S. F. Chronicle.

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